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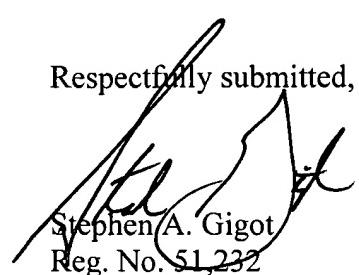
This communication is in response to the Examiner's Statements of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance dated September 21, 2005.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has identified only a few of the separate and independent reasons for allowance of independent Claims 1 and 24 and, therefore, for allowance of dependent Claims 2-5, 7-10, 14, 15, 25, 26, and 32-45.

Applicants also respectfully submit that Claims 2-5, 7-10, 14, 15, 25, 26, and 32-45 are allowable for additional separate and independent reasons. The independent claims (Claims 1 and 24) include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner. Similarly, the dependent claims (Claims 2-5, 7-10, 14, 15, 25, 26, and 32-45)

include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

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